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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001	03-md-1570 (GBD)(SN) ECF Case
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This document relates to:

Burnett, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran, No. 15-cv-9903 (GBD)(SN)

### **DECLARATION OF PATRICIA SKIC**

I, PATRICIA SKIC, hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am currently 49 years old and reside in Buckeye, Arizona.
- 2. I was the domestic partner of Michael Matthew Miller who was killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York where he was a Bond Trader with Cantor Fitzgerald.
- 3. On Christmas of 2000, Michael surprised me with an engagement ring and asked me to marry him. (See attached Insurance Declarations Page listing engagement ring.)
- 4. So that my sister and her husband could attend from Australia, our wedding ceremony was set for September 28, 2001.
- 5. Prior to his death, Michael Miller spoke with his accountant and informed him that he intended to be married to me by the end of 2001, and he expected the two of us would file a joint income tax return for that year. (See attached letter dated May 3, 2002.)
- 6. Prior to his death on September 11, 2001, I spoke with my accountant and informed him that I intended to be married to Michael by the end of 2001, and I expected the two of us would file a joint income tax return for that year. (See attached letter dated May 20, 2002.)
- 7. In May of 2001, Michael Matthews and I were pre-qualified for a home mortgage loan and began looking for a home in the Hamptons.

- 8. In March of 2001, Michael Matthews and I jointly leased a vehicle together (See attached Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement.)
- 9. Just weeks before his death on September 11, 2001, Michael Miller and I had contracted for remodeling work do be undertaken at our condominium in New Jersey. (See attached Invoice from Cohen Construction Mgt.)
- 10. Following his death on September 11, 2001, the State of New York Workers' Compensation Board found that I was the domestic partner of Michael M. Miller and awarded benefits accordingly. (See attached Notice of Decision Death Claim.)
- 11. The parents of Michael M. Miller did not contest the Workers' Compensation Board's finding that I was his domestic partner. (See attached letter dated April 10, 2003.
- 12. Following his death on September 11, 2001, various family members and close friends wrote letters attesting to the close relationship that Michael M. Miller and I had. (See attached letters from Karen Wolf, Pat Theodora, Kimberly and Daniel Chick, Cynthia, and Robert Skic.)
- 13. During our life together, Michael Matthew Miller and I comingled our assets and in all ways lived our lives like a married couple.
- 14. At the time of his death on September 11, 2001, Michael M. Miller and I were very much in love, intended to be married within weeks, and were looking forward to spending our lives together.
- 15. At the time of his death on September 11, 2001, Michael M. Miller and I depended upon each other for financial, spiritual and emotional support.
- 16. The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks destroyed the life that Michael M. Miller and I had built, and my life will never be the same after losing him.

17. At the time of his death, Michael M. Miller was my spouse in all ways except in name.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

Patricia Skic

Policy	Number
30-CY	1926-5

### DECLARATIONS PAGE

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company 1750 Route 23, Wayne NJ 07477-0001 A Stock Company With Home Offices in Bioomington, Illinois

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### PERSONAL ARTICLES POLICY

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL - If the POLICY PERIOD is shown as 12 MONTHS, this policy will be renewed automatically subject the premiums, rules and forms in effect for each succeeding policy period. If this policy is terminated we will give young and the Mortgagee/Lienholder written notice in compliance with the policy provisions or as required by law.

Policy Period: Effective Date: 12 Months DEC 20 2001 The policy period begins and ends at 12:01 am standard time at the named insured's

address.

Expiration Date: DEC 20 2002

INFLATION COVERAGE - U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index: 178.3

Class of Property

Amount of Insurance

Jewelry as scheduled

(SCHEDULE ATTACHED)

Forms, Options, and Endorsements

PERSONAL ARTICLES POLICY INFLATION COVERAGE AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT FP-7940.2 **OPTION I** FE-7646

POLICY PREMIUM

245,00

Discount Applied:

Home Alert

NJ Surcharge

1.00

**Total Amount** 

246.00

NOTICE: We have the option of repairing or replacing the lost or damaged property at our cost. If we agree to a cash settlement, we will pay you no more than our cost to replace the item.

**JAN 16 2002** FP-7070.2C

Your policy consists of this page, any endorsements and the policy form. PLEASE KEEP THESE TOGETHER.

We will provide the insurance described in this policy is return for the premium and compliance with all applicable provisions of this policy.

Countersigned

Agent

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Policy Number 30-CY-1926-5

### PERSONAL ARTICLES SCHEDULE

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Named Insured

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(Inflation Coverage Applies)

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MITCHELL KAPLAN LEONARD J. SCHULTZ 135 WILLIAM STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10038 TELEPHONE 212-964-1800 FAX: (212) 732-4539

May 3, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I was the accountant for Michael Miller for several years. Based on our phone conversations before he passed away, he was expected to marry Patricia Skic and file jointly by the end of the 2001 tax year.

Respectfully submitted by

Leonard J. Schultz, CPA

### ROBERT T. STEVENSON, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 2400 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77057-4911

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May 20, 2002

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Patricia A. Skic 41 Eagles Notch Drive Englewood, NJ 07631-5060

Dear Sirs,

The above referenced taxpayer was engaged to be married in September, 2001 and in 2001 would have filed married filing jointly with her fiancé Michael M. Miller.

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Cordially,

Robert Stevenson

Certified Public Accountant

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12. WARRANTIES.

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- 13. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

  Assuming there is no default and that you exercise your purchase option at the end of the Lease Term, the Total Cost of the Lease is \$ 553 107 21. (Section 3 plus Section 4(B) plus Section 4(C) plus Section 8(D) minus Section 7(A)(3)).

#### 14. SIGNATURES.

YOU AGREE TO ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS LEASE INCLUONING THOSE ON THE REVERSE SIDE HEREOF WHICH ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

NOTICE; THE LESSEE AND THE LESSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REVIEW THIS CONTRACT FOR ONE BUSINESS DAY DEFORE SIGNING THE CONTRACT.

NOTICE TO THE LESSEE; (1) IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU THOROUGHLY READ THIS LEASE BEFORE YOU SIGN IT. (2) DO NOT SIGN THIS LEASE BEFORE YOU READ IT OR IF IT CONTAINS ANY BLANK SPACES TO BE FILLED IN. (3) YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A COMPLETELY FILLED-IN COPY OF THIS LEASE, YOU AGREE THAT YOU RECEIVED A COMPLETELY FILLED-IN COPY OF THIS LEASE.

## Cohen Construction Mgt.

Invoice No.

240 E 39th St. New York , N.Y. 10016 212 297-0361 fax 212 856-0823

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STATE OF NEW YORK WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD PO BOX 29017 BROOKLYN, NY 11202-9017 www.wcb.state.ny.us

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### State of New York - Workers' Compensation Board

### In regard to Micheal Miller, WCB Case #0014 8752

### NOTICE OF DECISION (Death Claim)

keep for your records

At the Workers' Compensation hearing held on 02/10/2003 involving the claim of Micheal Miller at the Manhattan hearing location, Judge Arthur Rakus made the following decision, findings and directions:

AWARD - THE EMPLOYER OR INSURANCE CARRIER ARE DIRECTED TO PAY AT ONCE AS FOLLOWS:

Continuing award.

The period from 9/11/2001 to 2/20/2003 for 75.4 weeks totaling \$30,160.00 is awarded as follows:

Award to: Patricia Skic

Relation Spouse

DOB 11/12/1969 Pct

Rate / week \$400.00 66.67%

Total

Pay to:

\$30,160.00 Patricia Skic

Carrier Continue Payments bi-weekly in the amount of \$800.00

Any money previously paid for the above period(s) will be deducted from the total amount.

DECISION: The claimant's average weekly wage for the year worked before this work related injury or occupational disease is determined to be \$600.00 or more without prejudice. I find that Patricia Skic is the domestic partner of the decedent Michael Miller. No further action is planned by the Board at this time.

Claimant -

Micheal Miller

Employer -

Cantor Fitzgerald, LP

Social Security No. -

Carrier -Carrier ID No. - Pacific Indemnity Company

WCB Case No. -Date of Accident -

09/11/2001

Carrier Case No. -

District Office -

NYC

Date of Filing of this Decision-02/21/2003

### ATENCION:

Puede llamar a la oficina de la Junta de Compensacion Obrera, en su area correspondiente, cuyo numero de telefono aparece al principio de la pagina y pida informacion acerca de su reclamacion(caso).

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Copies To:

Claimant:

Micheal Miller Pacific Indemnity Company

Carrier: Employer:

Cantor Fitzgerald, LP Wolff and Samson

Attorney/Representative:

No Dependency Death Unit

Patricia Skic Finance Unit

James H.and Betty Ann Miller NYS Department of Labor

Micheal Miller c/o Estate of 115 Depot Rd. Milford, CT 06460

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Cantor Fitzgerald, LP 135 E 57th Street - 6th Floor New York, NY 10022 Pacific Indemnity Company c/o Chubb Insurance Company 55 Water Street

New York, NY 10041

Wolff and Samson 5 Becker Farm Rd. Roseland, NJ 07068 No Dependency Death Unit Workers' Compensation Board 100 Broadway Room 25-L Albany, NY 12241 Patricia Skic

Finance Unit Workers' Compensation Board 20 Park St., Room 313 Albany, NY 12207 James H.and Betty Ann Miller

NYS Department of Labor Attn: Deborah Maciariello State Office Building Campus Building 12, Room C223 Albany, NY 12240

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PLEASE REPLY TO WEST ORANGE

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April 10, 2003

Honorable Robert Snashall, Chair Worker's Compensation Board 20 Park Street Albany, New York 12207

Attn: Carl Copps, Principal Attorney

Office of Appeals

W.C.B. No.: 00148752 Re:

> Claimant: Michael Miller (deceased) Employee of Cantor Fitzgerald, LP

Accident 09 11 2001

Carrier Pacific Indemnity Company (7165 61 78/324)

### Honorable Sir:

This office is in receipt of an application dated March 21, 2003 appealing the decision of the Law Judge in this matter. This office represents Betty Ann Miller and James H. Miller, the administrators of the Estate of Michael Miller and the decedent's non-dependent parents.

As indicated in our prior correspondence, the Millers, both individually and as administrators of the estate, do not contest Patrica Skic's status as a domestic partner as defined in the recent amendment to the New York State Worker's Compensation Law.

The Law Judge in his opinion provided that:

"Any money previously paid for the above period(s) will be deducted from the total amount."

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Honorable Robert Snashall, Chair April 10, 2003 Page 2

Clearly this provides that the award to Patricia Skic as the domestic partner will be offset by the money previously paid to the Estate. This provision is consistent with what the carrier states was the Law Judge's denial of its request that the previous payment be repaid (although the decision does not contain this ruling).

Accordingly, the payments to Patricia Skic would begin once the prior award is completely credited to the carrier. The decision of the Law Judge should be upheld.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. LEVY

CBL:brw

cc: James and Betty Ann Miller, Jr.
Cantor Fitzgerald, LP
Pacific Ind. Co.
Ms. Patricia Skic
Jerry Sattin, Esq.

August 5, 2002

To Whom it May Concern;

The been a close Friend of Patricia Skics' For about eight years. In the summer of 1996 We had gone to a Barbegue in the Hamptons. and Patricia meet Micheal Miller, From that day on Micheal and Patricia were inseperable.

that given up his New York City apartment and moved into Patricias New Jeepey Condo. They were both working when they meet But since Micheal hereded Patricia at home Talung care of house or needed her to go on Bussiness trips to intertain clients she left her job and Micheal supported Them Both.

I remember how excited Patricia was an Christmas of 1999 when Micheal Popped the greation, and presented her with an engagement rung. The went to Spain in July and inquired about getting married overseas & surprising everyone, But it wasn't regal. So they decided to wait till the end of september, when her sipter Kim and her husband Daniel came for a visit from Austrialia.

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Because of the devastating tradgedy. Her

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To Whom It May Concern:

Michael Miller and Patricia Skic were engaged to be married, Patricia and Michael had been together for almost 5 years. Michael was a close friend of mine for 15 years.

Michael told Patricia that he did not want her to work anymore and requested that she stays home and entertain his clients for his work. He told me he felt with her doing this it allowed him to become more bonded with his clients. Which in turn would make his clients feel more obligated to do the majority of their trades with his options desk at Cantor.

In May of 2001 my son and I spent a week at Michael and Patricia's house, while on vacation in New Jersey Michael and Patricia were looking at homes in the Hamptons to purchase. Michael had me pre-qualify him for a possible home loan in the event they found a home they liked. I have been in the mortgage business for 25 years. The sales price he could qualify for based on what he was anticipating his bonuses to be was \$1,100,000.

Michael and Patricia were planning to keep Patricia's home in New Jersey for the weekdays and the house in the Hamptons for the weekend and vacations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Pat Theodora

To whom it may concern:

We are writing this letter to testify for Patricia Skic about her relationship with Michael M. Miller. I am Patricia's sister and Daniel, my husband is Patricia's brother in law.

Patricia and Michael were together as a couple for five years. They lived together for most of this time at /

Patricia and Michael met in the summer time in 1997 at a barbecue in the Hamptons which they both attended with mutual friends. The Hamptons became one of their favorite vacation spots since meeting.

After they met and dated for a while, Michael decided to make the move from New York City to New Jersey into Patricia's home so they could be together.

Patricia is a model and was busy working when they met. Her job often had her travelling from New York to places such as Mexico, Europe and many US cities. Because of Michael's long hours and stressful job, he asked her to give up her job so she could be home to take care of their domestic chores and financial responsibilities.

He needed her as his "support person". Patricia had a difficult time with this because her whole life had been quite independent. Michael assured her they would be fine on his salary, so she decided that would be best for their relationship.

We were able to spend quite a bit of time with Patricia and Michael, he was part of our family. Daniel was like a brother to Michael.

Michael called us in November of 2000 to let us know he would propose to Patricia when we came home for the holidays. We live in Australia, so when he notified us that he would wait until we were present we were extremely happy.

Daniel and I arrived in New Jersey in December 2000 for the Christmas holidays. The minute we put our bags in the room, Michael rushed to show us both the engagement ring. I had never seen a bigger smile on his face.

We spent the holidays in Vermont. Skiing was just one of the activities we all enjoyed together. The night Michael proposed to Patricia was an evening we will never forget.

Michael and Daniel were happy they would be family and Patricia and I were thrilled we were to have husbands who really cared not only for us, but for each other.

Because Daniel plays football in Australia, our schedule is very difficult to get holiday time. Michael knew of our plans to visit them during Daniel's off-season which was September 2001.

It was important to Michael that we would be at the wedding. Because of our tight schedule, Michael decided that instead of planning a huge ceremony he and Patricia would 'elope' in front of a Justice of the Peace so that we could be there.

The date was set. They would marry September 28, 2001, when we arrived.

Michael was so excited about us coming home, not only would they marry, but he was about to become an uncle. I was five months pregnant with our first baby. He spent several weeks organising our stay and deciding who else would meet us there.

One week before we were due to fly out of Australia, Daniel and I came home to the horrific news as to what was happening at the World Trade Centre. I received a call from Patricia confirming the news. Patricia told us. She had spoken to Michael twice that morning. She was the only person he called and told her he thought a bomb had exploded in the building. She called him back minutes later and got through a second time. That was the last time they pronounced their love for each other.

We believed in our hearts Michael would survive. He did not. Patricia's world collapsed as did ours.

We are still affected by this tragedy today. I cannot even begin to image what my sister is feeling.

Instead of coming home to witness what would have been one of the happiest days in Michael and Patricia's life, we came home to attend a service for Michael.

Life hasn't been the same since September 11, 2001 – it will never be.

Sincerely

Kimberley Chick

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Daniel Chick

### Dear Patricia,

I've been meaning to write this letter to you for sometime and it coincidentally corresponds with the fist anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to let you know how much you and Michael have touched our lives.

Jim and I had the pleasure of knowing you and Michael for over three years. We were able to witness and experience Michael's humor, generosity, and most of all his love for you. I remember Jim introducing me to you and Michael, and I thought what a nice couple. We were fortunate that our "neighborhood" bar was right down the street from your house and you and Michael often visited us. Through this, a friendship was formed.

Looking back now I think of all the pool games Jim shared with Michael, the endless games of darts you played with Michael, and how Michael was always sure to instructed Jim on how to improve his drink. We looked forward to sharing time with you and Michael and hearing about the new restaurants or trips you recently went to. We now cherish these memories.

What stands out most was Michael's love for you. I remember when Michael treated us to The Rocky Horror Musical on Broadway and you weren't able to attend because you had the flu. Throughout the evening and the show, Michael would remark how he wished you were with us. Afterwards, he meticulously picked out lilies at the corner market for you and was eager to get home and see how you were.

One of the wonderful things about Michael was his enthusiasm and energy. He was proud to share the wonderful secret of his engagement plans with us one evening while you were out of town on a shoot. Michael went into great detail to explain his plans to propose to you. He was so proud of the ring he selected and said that events like this only happen once in a lifetime, therefore he wanted to give you the best diamond he could. Beyond that, he wanted to share the rest of his life with you and start a family.

Michael could drive us crazy when you were out of town working. He felt misplaced without you and would be a ball of nervous energy. I admired how he spoke about you and all of his plans began with "when Patricia returns". He was dedicated to his work but we always sensed that Michael would be running out of the office at the end of the day to get home to you. While most men don't like to take their fiancées on business trips, Michael loved the thought of you coming with him. I believe that you completed him and he did the same for you.

What has amazed me the most throughout this past year is your strength, determination, and love. I am still in awe of how diligent you were the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the night and into the early morning, we worked together calling all the area hospitals, police departments, co-workers, family members, and registering Michael as a missing person. You gave me hope. Every time there was a noise outside, you would look at the front door expecting Michael to walk through it with an amazing story. You repeatedly dialed Michael's cell phone, clutching the receiver, and held your breath for him to answer. When he didn't, you were frustrated but also found comfort in hearing his voice again. I can't imagine what it was like receiving the last two calls from Michael the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>. As difficult as they must have been, I am glad that you were able to tell each other "I love you" one more time.

In the days and weeks following, you gathered Michael's DNA, dental records, family blood samples, and pictures in order to locate Michael. I could not imagine functioning after these events but you took charge and did whatever was necessary. You spent sleepless nights setting up a make shift office in your house, filling out paper work, returning endless calls, and finally planning a funeral. Throughout all of this, you were constantly concerned about Michael and his memory before yourself.

It's been said that the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> have changed all our lives. This is true. I am still devastated by that day and the loss of Michael. However, I've learned a lot from the both of you and have been able to take away something positive from this experience. Michael taught me that you can achieve success while remaining grounded and enjoy life to the fullest. You've taught me strength, determination, and courage. I've learned from the both of you the importance of spending time with your partner and loving each other everyday.

Jim and I feel fortunate to have known you and Michael and have had a friendship with the two of you. I truly respect you for everything you have gone through. I can't imagine how difficult this past year must have been for you. You're an amazing person and I am lucky to have you for my friend.

I wish you all the happiness for the future.

Yours truly,

To Whom it Mzy Canden I always Remember when Parties of Michael Come to Wisconsin for the first time I had to meet Michael, it was great, he was a wonderfull Man, & everybody enjoyed him, we went to a Sports bor, where the owners had Many items of the Green bay Packers, like outs-graphed geroup & Helmets from Brett four, He Leel My Son in low from Australia Daniel Chick & Michael Wein what ever they wanted of one had many
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for ever, they Stayed for fire
and, Michael was disapointed that
we couldn't as Golfring, as the weather
just didn't allow for it.
Michael Colled many times just to See how I was doing always being So polite, It was always Mr. Skie & Good Bye of Howe a great day Mr. Skie Etc., Ortainly more than I was ever used to. he colled, I was still in bed alt

was 6100 A.M. he felt so bad Calling that larly. But he & Patricia were going away for the weekend, & the Reuson he Called was to ask if he had my permission to ask Patricia to Marry him, as he wanted to give her an engagement Ring. I was So happy & Delighted for both of them, as they were always so happy to gether.

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Then Come Sept. 11 I al will Novem longer, I walk five miles a day, I when it get home, it check my shows messages of Kimberly my daughter from Australia left a message, that the world trade tower, that michael was in got hil, at that time it turned on fox News I was watching as the Second tower was lit, I loud only pray that the word wouldn't hoppen, I we all know the Rest of this Sal Story.

No body knows How exitiens the pressure has been for patrices, going down with all the D.N.A. Samples Etc.

dolling Michael Cell phone time after time of heaving it Ring, I Never getting a Auswer, and at the Same time keeping Michaels Parents up doted on livery thing young on. any thing that had to be done putrices did it.

When it was decided to have the Menorial Service, al & My Sone Rover flew out to be there. when we got to the air port, we were picked up By Potrica Kumberly, Doniel & Patrick-Therodu who was a Special friend of michaels & Patrica.

We went to michaels farents of all met them for the first time, After having bund, the men went down Stairs, Roger, Potrick, Daniel of My Self. We had a been of went gust Sitting a round, talking about 9-11. James was telling us about michael of Skowed different items that were Still hunging on the walls as he grew up it life. As we sit there talking, James Said the one thing that Matters Most to him was to see that Patrice would be taken core of for the lest of her life, as she was like a



doughter to him + Betty am, He Spoke about how much they had enjoyed patricus Company.

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the Service was Soluday, it was
beautifull with the boy-pipe Etc. & also very
Hard on every one,

After the Service we went to a place where Lunch was Served & al had a Chance to talk to Many of Michael's friends, you could tell by talking to them what a great Man, we had lost.

That evening we went to the out Bock Steak Rouse for dinner, & Back to the Motel where we were Stuging, we visited, with the Millers & tooks a few firtures & on Susaday Mororing of & Roger lift to Come Boch home.

Sincerly Robert Skie